



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

Town Council

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Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

Mayor James L. Streeter, Councilors Bruce S. Flax, Bill Johnson, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Deborah L. Peruzzotti, Paulann H. Sheets, and Harry A. Watson

Tuesday, October 05, 2010

7:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

REGULAR MEETING

I. ROLL CALL

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. RECOGNITION, AWARDS & MEMORIALS

IV. RECEIPT OF CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

This is the portion of the Council Agenda where the Council welcomes comments from citizens. Each presentation should be limited to five (5) minutes or less, and citizens should, if possible, submit written comments. Presentations should be related to matters pertinent to Groton. Town Councilors will only ask questions in order to clarify the speaker's presentation and can respond during the Responses to Citizens' Petitions portion of the Town Council meeting. Citizens should make their presentations from the lectern and state their names and addresses for the record.

V. RESPONSES TO CITIZENS' PETITIONS, COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters listed under Item VI (Consent Calendar) are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. No separate discussion of these items will take place, unless cause is shown prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

a. Approval of Minutes

2010-0208 Approval of Minutes (Town Council)

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Town Council meeting of September 21, 2010 are hereby accepted and approved.

b. Administrative Items

2010-0200 Special Trust Fund Contributions

Resolution - Consent

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL TRUST FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts contributions to the Town as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Fuisting - \$30.00 - Library Discretionary

Jason Deeble - \$50.00 - Library Discretionary

c. Deletions from the Town Council Referral List

2009-0153 Reports on Activities in Groton

Referral

2009-0312 Communicating with Groton Citizens

Referral

2010-0195 Groton Long Point Police Budget - Request for Supplemental Appropriation

Referral

2010-0197 Hybrid Vehicle Grant

Referral

2010-0198	Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center	Referral
2010-0203	Appointment of Susan Marquardt as a Regular Member of the Zoning Commission	Referral
2010-0204	Appointment of Ellen Chiapperini to the Library Board	Referral
2010-0205	Reappointment of David Williams to Water Pollution Control Authority	Referral
2010-0206	Reappointment of Laura Bradley to Fair Rent Commission	Referral
2010-0207	Reappointment of Thomas Skrmetti to Harbor Management Commission	Referral

VII. COMMUNICATION REPORTS (Other than Committee Reports)

- a. Town Councilors
- b. Clerk of the Representative Town Meeting
- c. Clerk of the Council
- d. Town Manager
- e. Town Attorney

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Community & Cultural Development - Chairman Peruzzotti
- b. Economic Development - Chairman Johnson
- c. Education/Health & Social Services - Chairman Kolnaski
- d. Environment/Energy - Chairman Sheets
- e. Finance - Chairman O'Beirne
- f. Personnel/Appointments/Rules - Chairman Flax
- g. Public Safety - Chairman Monteiro
- h. Public Works/Recreation - Chairman Watson
- i. Committee of the Whole - Mayor Streeter

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

X. NEW BUSINESS

2010-0195	Groton Long Point Police Budget - Request for Supplemental Appropriation	Referral
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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE GROTON LONG POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, during its deliberations on the FYE 2011 budget the Representative Town Meeting voted to reduce Groton Long Point's police budget by \$208,000, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Long Point Board subsequently voted to reduce its public safety budget by \$80,000 and pay the remaining \$128,000 through an increase in the district's mill rate, and

WHEREAS, prior to this decision, the president of the Groton Long Point Board had requested a

supplemental appropriation from the Town of Groton in the amount of \$128,000, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has authorized a Town-wide police assessment in an effort to bring Groton Long Point, City of Groton, and Town of Groton representatives to the table to discuss police services, and

WHEREAS, the Town Council felt that Groton Long Point's request for a supplemental appropriation should be addressed separately from the Town-wide police assessment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a transfer of \$128,000 be made from the FYE 2011 General Fund's Contingency account (#10741-5499) to the Groton Long Point's police account (#10910-5230).

Legislative History

9/21/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of t
9/28/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	

The Town Manager noted the reductions to the Groton Long Point police budget during FYE 2011 budget deliberations by the Town Council and RTM. Bob Congdon, president of the Groton Long Point Association, was present to address the Council.

Mr. Congdon noted that Groton Long Point pays its fair share of taxes and receives very few services. Groton Long Point's budget was submitted with a 0% increase. He feels that the RTM's reduction was a mistake.

Councilor Sheets asked if the Town Manager will submit a request for Groton Long Point's police budget in the FYE 2012 budget. The Town Manager stated that if a figure is submitted by Groton Long Point, he is obligated to include it in his budget.

Councilor O'Beirne feels this is an issue of fairness and Groton Long Point was treated differently than the City of Groton. He feels the Town Council should reconsider.

9/28/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Motion
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to make a \$128,000 supplemental appropriation for the Groton Long Point police budget.

Councilor Monteiro echoed the fairness issue. She noted a public perception that the Town is paying for extra services in Groton Long Point. The Town only pays what it would cost the Town to provide the service. Councilor Watson agreed and mentioned that Groton Long Point and the City agreed during budget deliberations to participate in a Police Assessment. Mr. Congdon explained that the Groton Long Point district mill rate was raised to cover the budget shortfall. Councilor Flax feels that a fair process has already taken place and it is not right to try to overturn the RTM's action. Councilors Johnson and Sheets and Mayor Streeter expressed support for the motion. Mayor Streeter noted that the supplemental appropriation will have to go to the RTM for approval. Councilor Peruzzotti expressed concern with expending contingency funds so early in the fiscal year when the future is unknown. The decision could be made later in the fiscal year. Mr. Congdon noted the supplemental appropriation request is also "part of the process." Councilor Kolnaski stated she did not agree with the RTM's action, but they will have another chance to consider this.

Councilor Watson asked how the funds will be used since residents are already being taxed. Mr. Congdon indicated the funds will go back in the police budget

2010-0197 Hybrid Vehicle Grant

Referral

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF HYBRID VEHICLES

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) administers a grant program designed to aid municipalities in defraying the cost of purchasing hybrid motor vehicles, and

WHEREAS, fleet management policies would call for the replacement of two town vehicles that will be more than ten years old in FY 2012, and

WHEREAS, Groton's eligibility to receive grant funding for use in FY 2012 requires the Town to

submit a Grant Program Confirmation to Connecticut DOT, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger may enter into and sign the 2010 Connecticut Clean Fuel Program Agreement with the Connecticut Department of Transportation for a cash grant toward the purchase of two alternative fuel motor vehicles.

Legislative History

9/21/2010 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

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the Whole

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, noted this agreement reserves the dollars for the Town of Groton, but does not commit the Town to purchasing the vehicles. The actual vehicle replacement/purchases must still be approved by the Town Council and RTM as part of the budget process. John Carrington, Assistant Director of Public Works, noted the fuel savings and decreased carbon output associated with hybrid vehicles. He recommends purchasing hybrids since the state pays the cost differential. The vehicles that would be replaced with hybrids are scheduled for replacement anyway as part of the fleet program.

9/28/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

2010-0198 Groton Education Foundation Grant - Senior Center Referral

GROTON EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT - SENIOR CENTER

WHEREAS, the Groton Educational Foundation provides "mini-grants" to fund unique projects based on ideas from teachers or other educators in Groton, and

WHEREAS, the Groton Senior Center and Claude Chester Elementary School annually engage students and seniors in mutual educational experiences, and

WHEREAS, grant funds could be used for an intergenerational program called "Reading Hand in Hand," now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Town Manager Mark R. Oefinger or his designee may apply for a grant of \$1,018.80 from the Groton Educational Foundation.

Legislative History

9/23/2010 Mayor Referred Town Council Committee of th

9/28/2010 Town Council Committee of Recommended for a
the Whole Resolution

**2010-0203 Appointment of Susan Marquardt as a Regular Member Referral
of the Zoning Commission**

RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUSAN MARQUARDT AS A REGULAR MEMBER OF THE ZONING COMMISSION

RESOLVED, that Susan Marquardt, 177 Great Brook Road, is hereby appointed as a regular member (from an alternate member) of the Zoning Commission for a term ending 12/31/11.

Legislative History

9/28/2010 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

2010-0204 Appointment of Ellen Chiapperini to the Library Board Referral

RESOLUTION APPOINTING ELLEN CHIAPPERINI TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

RESOLVED, that Ellen Chiapperini, 150 Library Street, Mystic, is hereby appointed to the Library Board for a term ending 12/31/11.

Legislative History

- 9/28/2010 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2010-0205 Reappointment of David Williams to Water Pollution Control Authority Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING DAVID G. WILLIAMS TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
- RESOLVED, that David G. Williams, 129 Elm Street, Noank is hereby reappointed to the Water Pollution Control Authority for a term ending 5/24/13.
- Legislative History
- 9/28/2010 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2010-0206 Reappointment of Laura Bradley to Fair Rent Commission Referral**
- REAPPOINTMENT OF LAURA BRADLEY TO THE FAIR RENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Laura M. Bradley, 38 Round Hill Road, is hereby reappointed to the Fair Rent Commission for a term expiring 7/1/13.
- Legislative History
- 9/28/2010 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee
- 2010-0207 Reappointment of Thomas Skrmetti to Harbor Management Commission Referral**
- RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING THOMAS SKRMETTI AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE HARBOR MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
- RESOLVED, that Thomas Skrmetti, 71 Lapstrake Court, Mystic is hereby reappointed as an alternate member to the Harbor Management Commission, for a term ending 09/01/13.
- Legislative History
- 9/28/2010 Town Council Recommended for a
Personnel/Appointments/Rules Resolution
/Legislation Committee

XI. OTHER BUSINESS**XII. ADJOURNMENT**